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## REGULATORY RELIEF

### Guidance to Help Financial Institutions and Facilitate Recovery in Areas of Iowa Affected by Severe Weather

**Summary:** The FDIC has announced a series of steps intended to provide regulatory relief to financial institutions and facilitate recovery in areas of Iowa affected by severe storms, flooding and tornadoes.

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in Iowa

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#### Highlights:

- Severe storms, flooding and tornadoes that occurred from May 12 to 13, 2010, and began again on June 1, 2010, have caused significant property damage in areas of Iowa.
- Federal disasters for selected counties in Iowa were declared on July 28, 2010, and July 29, 2010.
- The FDIC is encouraging banks to work constructively with borrowers experiencing difficulties beyond their control because of damage caused by the severe weather.
- Extending repayment terms, restructuring existing loans or easing terms for new loans, if done in a manner consistent with sound banking practices, can contribute to the health of the community and serve the long-term interests of the lending institution.
- The FDIC also will consider regulatory relief from certain filing and publishing requirements.